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Branch News

Since our last newsletter the Radiology Branch has been in constant transition. The Program Director is MSG Carlos Solivan who reported to the Branch in May of 1999 from Seoul Korea. The NCOIC is MSG Edna Brehm and our 91P Enlisted Advisor is MSG Derek Dance at WRAMC.

I know I'm not alone when I say thanks to all those instructors who have departed in the last year. Their contributions have contributed immensely to the success of our Radiology Program.

Words from the Program Director, MSG Solivan, Carlos M.

Our NCO Management Course was once again a success. This year SSG Vickie Williams and SSG Douglas Lefevre planned and coordinated this successful course for our Radiology NCOs. During our ten days of the course, NCOs received first hand knowledge of what was happening in our field, issues that we are having in our current assignment or in the radiology field and points of contact to personnel that have knowledge in helping us resolve these issues. Perhaps the best way to describe our course in "Networking." By networking we are able to establish friendship, camaraderie and above all cohesiveness within the Radiology NCO core.

SUPPORT OUR ASRT MILITARY CHAPTER



The ASRT Military Chapter mission is to promote the goals, interests, and growth of the military technologist. There are nine Military CHP Delegates (3 Army, 3 Air Force, and 3 Navy) that represent their profession and you. The Radiology Branch WEB site has a link to the ASRT site, I encourage you to visit the site to learn more about the responsibilities the ASRT has to the profession and us. Why become members of the ASRT? To begin with, pride in your profession, continuing education credits, informative articles, representation in issues pertaining to the field, and we need to set the example for younger soldiers. Then it's safe to say that we should become a primary member of the Military Chapter to help best represents your interests, remember higher numbers of chapter members equal a louder voice in the house.

The requirements to become a Military Chapter Delegate are: you must be Active Duty, you must have been a member of the ASRT for 2 years or longer, and you must be registered.

The ASRT Conference 2000 kicks off in Albuquerque, N.M., home of the ASRT executive offices in June 3-8, 2000 with a theme of Old World, New World 72nd American Society of Radiologic Technologists Annual Conference Offering Educational Courses, Workshops, Scientific Displays, Exhibit Hall.

The ASRT is the organization that recommends the direction the field should go and it is important for the military to have an equal voice. We need to increase our numbers as well as mentor our delegates to represent us in a manner to our satisfaction. There is strength in numbers so let's come together. I'll see you at the Military Chapter meeting 21 Apr 2000, and the ASRT Annual Conference.

Did you know that the ASRT has its own coin of excellence? More coming next issue.

It is important that we send our NCOs to the management course or short course to bring back the latest technology and share our knowledge with other soldiers. For those that came to the Radiology NCO Management Course, thank you for your support. To SSG Williams and SSG Lefevre – Excellent work. “Strive for Imaging Excellence”

From the Desk of MSG Baker, Marvin H USAMISSA

It has been brought to my attention that CHCS is not reporting all examinations that are being completed. The problem occurs when a patient has multiple examinations. When departing the patient, only the first exam is changed from arrived to examined. There is no workload credit for the other examinations. I guess BAMC and MAMC have corrected this problem. I would guess that other Army sites and DOD facilities are struggling with this issue. Please check your workload, and inform me if you need any further assistance.

MSG Marvin H. Baker USAMISSA
DSN 471-9750 ext. 366

Hail!

Newly assigned instructors and the units they departed from:

SSG M. Rivera from FT. Carson, CO
SFC L. Fenti from FT. Huachuca, AZ
SSG J. Johnson from Ft. Jackson, SC
SSG P. Guell from 249th General Hospital, FT Gordon, GA
SSG B. Parkins from Dugway Proving Grounds, UT
SSG R. Shaw from 41st Combat Support Hospital, FT Sam Houston

Farewell

The following instructors have recently departed or will be departing shortly:

SFC R. Brittain to FT. Drum, NY
SFC R. Olson to FT. Lewis, WA (MAMC)

They were instrumental in the operation of the Branch and their skills and knowledge will be sorely missed. A special thanks is due and we wish them the best on their new assignments.

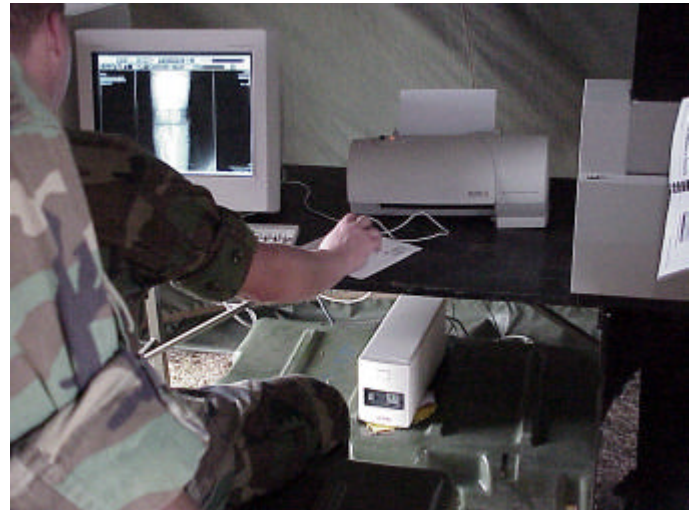
Promotions

Congratulations to the following individuals on their selection to SFC

SSG (P) Terry Cade
SSG (P) David Ross

Announcements

In a joint effort, a few individuals from the Radiology Branch, BAMC and Test and Operations Division tested the Lumisys Digital Imaging System ACR 2000 to validate the functionality and usability of a Digital Imaging System in conjunction with x-ray units now in use in a Forward Medical Support Company. Don't be surprised if you see this system in the near future.



Sergeant Audie Murphy Board

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Board was held in April 2000 (2nd Quarter). Ten candidates competed from all regions of the MEDCOM. The Board consisted of one-day CTT hands on testing and an Oral Board on the following day. MEDCOM is currently revising the LOI for the Board, which will be conducted quarterly. SFC Davis-Jackson is still assisting CSM Arista with the coordination of this board. SFC Davis-Jackson will be a candidate this quarter.

Fort Sam Houston Post Basketball Team

Due to SFC Reeves' outstanding athletic capabilities, he helped lead the basketball team to a winning season. They won the intramural championship. He was also invited to play in the San Antonio Pro-Am league.

Fort Sam Houston Youth Organization

SFC Marquez is making a difference by representing the Academy BN in the Youth Activities Counsel. The Counsel is crucial because it determines if the current programs meet the needs of our youth. It also examines changes in policies and or facilities for the youth of Ft Sam Houston. He is also the Head Coach of the Boys 11 & 12-year-olds basketball team. Another Papa getting involved in our community. Outstanding Job!



FY99 Distinguish Honor Graduates **Honor Graduates**

X-1 PFC Benjamin R. Guillermo	PV2 Theodore A. Thomas
X-2 SPC Robin M. Kaylor	PV2 Daniel D. Cooper
X-3 PV2 Ray T. King	SPC Joseph S. Preze
X-4 PV2 Yahayra Y. Michel	PV2 Kiesha C.K. Mooror
X-5 PV2 Alan M. Smith	PV2 David I. Chang
X-6 PV2 Timothy J. Butler	SPC Gregory E. Duran
X-7 SGT Chad E. Carr	PFC Angela M. Bompreszi
X-8 PV2 Laura K. Henderson	
SPC Trent D. Braud	X-9 PFC Nathan P. Hall
PFC Stacy R. Kirk	

Transcript Request

To enable the Army/American Council on Education Registry Transcript System (AARTS) to access its computerized files, retrieve data, and produce a transcript. They must have your social security number. The use of your Social Security number is necessary to make positive identification of individuals and records. Failure to provide the required information will complicate & delay your request for a copy of your transcript.

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ARRT Information

If you are a recent graduate of the Radiology Specialist Program. These are the steps you must follow to submit your, first time, application for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) exam. All first time applications must be endorsed by the Program Director prior to mailing it to the ARRT.

First you will need an application. If you do not have one, you can request an Examinee Handbook for Radiography from the ARRT.

Within its pages you will find an application as well as the information you will need when you mail your endorsed application to them.

Fill out the application. Attach your photo and have your application notarized. Send your notarized application with a self addressed stamped envelope to:

DINPACS

Radiology Branch has purchased the Fuji CR and Synapse network arrived on July 7th. It was scheduled for full installation to begin on 1 August with applications training to follow for the remainder of August. Installation was completed the last week of August. At this rate we hope that lesson plan writing and PowerPoint presentation preparation will allow a full implementation by calendar year. The academy will take full advantage of this system in many other branches and it will truly enhance the learning environment for all students.

Sixteenth Annual Military Continuing Education Seminar for Radiologic Technologists

Applications are available the last week of January each year, so keep an eye peeled to the web page for next year's seminar.

The Return of the Newsletter

I am seeking information on your department such as pictures of your department and staff (any pictures will do), daily operations and other info on promotions, citations or awards. We can be contacted by mail at the below mentioned address or can be contacted on the Internet at

<http://radiology.amedd.army.mil/>

If you are sending any information regarding the newsletter please send it to :

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The Web



The Branch also has a Web page, which can be accessed through the Internet. SSG Vargas created our web page, a special thanks goes out to him for all of his hard work and inspiring ideas. We will miss him dearly. Friends may reach him at his email at svargas@intx.net. The newsletter and other information will be posted on the page and updated as needed. It will also have links to other radiology sites. Our Branch web page is at:

<http://radiology.amedd.army.mil/>

We are reaching out to touch all radiology technologists from MEDCOM to TO&E and anybody else that we may have left out. Any person with Internet access can contact any of the Faculty

addressed stamped envelope to:

AMEDD Center and School
Department of Clinical Support Services
Radiology Specialist Program
3151 Scott Road
Ft Sam Houston, TX 78234

**DO NOT SEND UNNOTARIZED APPLICATION,
CHECK/MONEY ORDER OR ENVELOPE ADDRESSED
TO THE ARRT, AS WE WILL RETURN YOUR
UNENDORSED APPLICATION TO YOU.**

Once we received your application, your information and eligibility will be verified. Your endorsed application will be mailed to you within 5 business days.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO REMEMBER

If your name is different on your application because you have legally changed your name after you completed the Radiology Specialist Program. Please indicate the name you were known by when attending the program.

Once you receive your endorsed application, follow the information within the Examinee Handbook for submitting your application. If you have any further questions about testing procedures, use of calculators, test sites, etc. contact the ARRT at the telephone number or address provided above.

ARRT RULES YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF 5 Year Rule

Effective January 1, 1995, application for examination must be made within five years of graduation. This rule was passed in such a way that anyone graduating prior to January 1, 1995 was treated as if

Their graduation occurred on January 1, 1995 for the purpose of the five-year rule. Three Attempt, Three Year Limit

Applicants who are eligible for examination will be allowed three

Attempts to pass the certification exam. Candidates must complete the three attempts within a three-year period of time.

The three year period of time begins with the initial examination window start date. After three unsuccessful attempts or three years have expired, the individual is no longer eligible.

The individual may obtain eligibility to retake the examination one

Additional time if the individual submits documentation indicating completion of remedial activities acceptable to the ARRT following the last participation in the examination. The fourth attempt must occur within the one-year period following the third unsuccessful attempt. Those failing the fourth attempt, or waiting longer than one year following the third unsuccessful attempt, may only become eligible by re-entering and graduating from an accredited educational program.

For more information, contact the American Registry of
Radiologic Technologists.

<http://www.arrt.org>

staff via Outlook at the above mentioned address just substitute the instructor's rank, first name, last name or if you do not have Internet access you can contact us at our address.

NCO Radiology Management Courses

Professional Postgraduate Short Course (Clinical Support Services Course will tentatively be held 12 – 16 June 2001. The point of contact for Radiology is SFC Michael C. Bailey DSN 471-7627 (210 221-7627

Senior NCO Radiology Management Course

This course is open to staff sergeants and above who hold the position of NCOIC / ANCOIC or a position of comparable status or responsibility. Applicants must have two years remaining in their current enlistment after completion of the course. The following documents must be submitted no later than 1 March 2001.

1. DA Form 3838-Application For Professional Training
2. Copy of DA Form 2A-Personnel Qualification Record
3. Copy of DA Form 2-1, Official Military Personnel Record

The date for the next Senior Management Course is May 2001. For more information contact [SFC Myrna Madrigal](#) and [SFC Paul Orosz](#) at DSN 471-7640/7602 or Commercial (210) 221-7640/7602

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Tidbits from the Field

This column is dedicated to feedback from our loyal readers:

Quote of the Quarter

“Too Many People Overvalue What They Are Not and Undervalue What They Are” Malcolm Forbes

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